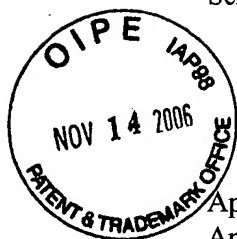


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**Extension of Time**

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for Three (3) months from the original due date of June 3, 2006, to extend the time for reply to September 3, 2006. The required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) of \$1,020.00 is submitted herewith in an express request to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750 (Docket LFS5021USNP/MM). (Form PTO/SB/22 is attached in duplicate). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of March 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.